

WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

The second meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Sarah Smith, Vice-Chair
Jan Fox
Lee Fisher
Tony Sereda
Mike Friloux
BK Fulton
Elaine Harris
Michael Keleman

Additional participants:

Jonathan Caldwell
Mark Polen
Julie Benincasa
Brenda Williams
Billy Jack Gregg
Brandy Messer, Senator Rockefeller's Office

After a quorum was established Vice-Chair Smith welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

Business

Vice-Chair Smith asked for the approval of the minutes from the July meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

Next, Vice-Chair Smith gave a brief update on the status of the State's application for stimulus funding. It was noted that we are working on our applications and that the deadline for submission is August 14, 2009. The state should find out if it made the first cut by mid-September. It was also noted that rumors should be dispelled that the state is seeking to displace private investment with the state application. An in-depth update will be given once the application is complete and submitted at the next meeting.

Lee Fisher stated that in he has been approached by two separate Public Service Districts with a request for a conference between Public Service Districts, the Public Service Commission, the Broadband Deployment Council and other interested groups

to discuss how they will all interact with each other regarding funding and laying fiber. Jan Fox stated she thought that was a good idea.

Jan Fox also inquired about the subcommittee created to work on the database. Vice-Chair Smith indicated she would discuss the matter with Chair Goes. Elaine Harris requested to have an update on the application and asked if it would be posted on the internet. The question was also asked as to whether the Council would be able to view the application before it was sent. Vice-Chair Smith again offered to discuss with Chair Goes.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for September 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, Michael Keleman moved that the Council adjourn and Jan Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.